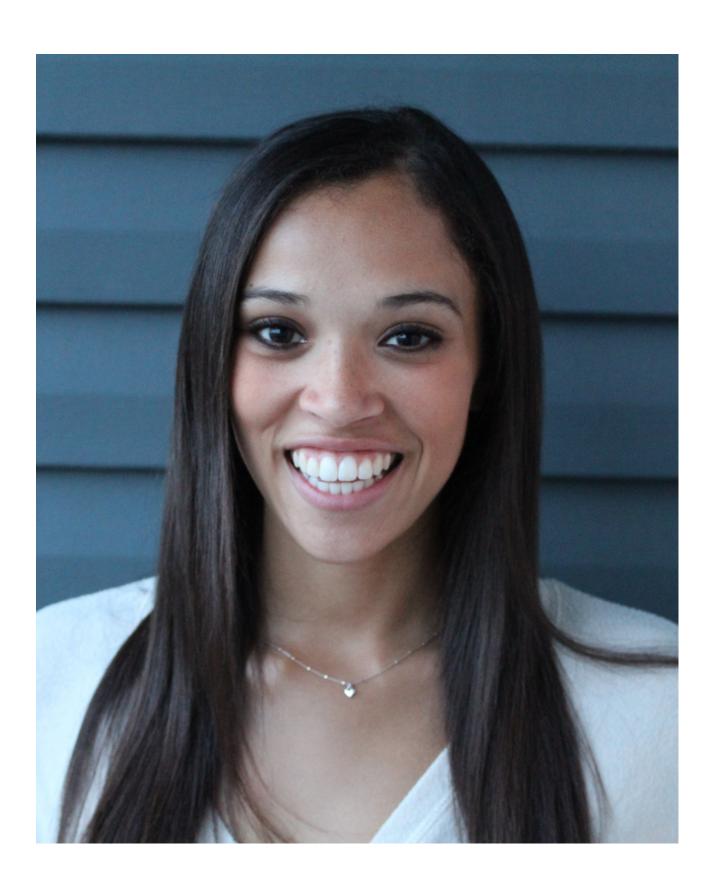# BLACK MATH HISTORY
HIDDEN FIGURES REVEALED

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"So many people told me that I would switch majors or scoffed at my chosen path to receive my Bachelor's in Mathematics and yet I proved them all wrong. I would like to encourage & empower others to follow their passion no matter who says you can't/won't or how tough it may be, don't give up if it's something that has truly been placed on your heart! "

-Alexis Cheek -

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Professional Interests: SQL, Coding, Query writing, Dashboarding, Tableau

Hobbies: Spending time with family & friends, Playing with my two dogs

MY MATH STORY

Describe an experience (or more than one) that helped you discover/cultivate your interest in the mathematical sciences.

I used to have a hard time with Math, in fourth and fifth grade. It really bothered me that I wasn't doing well & I began to resent the subject because I was having such a hard time. However, I persevered, developed my skills and began to really enjoy the subject. In 6th grade, I was actually invited to the "gifted" math course which I thoroughly enjoyed. I went on to take honors & AP courses from 8th Grade through High School. Though beginning at a young age, my experiences with mathematics empowered me to apply to Ohio State with the desire to pursue my passion for Math and the goal to have a career in a STEM field.

What motivated you to study math at Ohio State?

My love for mathematics, as well as my skill in math made it seem like a no brainer that I would study math in college. I also was aware that Ohio State is such an awesome school & so well-known academically (and for Sports- Go Bucks!). In addition, it was just close enough, yet far enough away from home. I was fortunate enough to have a parent working with the university at the time and was able to receive a generous discount as well- so selecting OSU was an easy choice.

What personal or professional accomplishment(s) are you most proud of?

My degree drove me to seek out a profession that allowed me to actively use my education in my day to day. I started my career as an analyst at Abercrombie & Fitch working in operations and performing analyses to make better business decisions. I have since moved on to Sherwin-Williams as an analyst on the marketing data analytics team and have been able to get even more aligned with doing what I love!

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